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Rape investigation

Assailant entered apartment residence through unlocked door

Riverside, CA -- An 18-year-old Riverside woman was sexually assaulted while her family members slept in adjacent rooms after an intruder entered her apartment residence through an unlocked front door.

Riverside Police received the call of a rape just occurred at 1:49 a.m., Thursday, June 5, at an apartment address in the 10200-block of Gould Street. The woman was sleeping on the sofa when she was attacked by an unknown assailant. When the suspect left, she notified family members.

The victim was taken to Riverside County Regional Medical Center for a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) examination. She was not otherwise injured.

Police Officers checked the immediate area. At about 3 a.m., an officer located and arrested a man matching the suspect description. Lawrence ASHFORD, 18, of Riverside, was arrested for 261 PC Rape and booked into Robert Presley Detention Center.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is asked to call Riverside Police Detective Julian Hutzler at (951) 353-7125.

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